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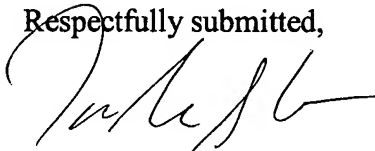
Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 24-page patent specification, including 51 claims and an abstract. Also included are 3 figures on 3 sheets, a Declaration, a Preliminary Amendment, and an Application Data Sheet. The specification constitutes the application of Robert Allen Smith, Scott F. Timmons, Mark E. Van Dyke, and Cheryl R. Blanchard.

Please note that this application is filed without an Assignment, a Power of Attorney, or filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), the Applicants requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the United States Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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Respectfully submitted,



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